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MEMORANDUM

TO: LME Directors

FROM: Leza Wainwright

RE: Report on MH/DD/SA Admissions to Hospital Emergency Departments

State law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit quarterly reports on individuals who were diagnosed with a mental illness, developmental disability, or substance abuse disorder and admitted to community hospital emergency departments. The attached report provides the most current information on those admissions.

This report provides summary data on admissions to community hospital emergency departments that took place between October 1 and December 31, 2009. During this period, about 13 percent of admissions statewide involved individuals with a primary or secondary diagnosis of mental illness, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse.

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